

Items to discuss

- Spector- Not designed for insertion in a human; does not disclose slots or channels and the drawstring in Spector cannot open the casing.
- Conlon- The noose in Conlon cannot be used to open the pouch. Conlon does not teach or disclose the pouch has a serration with slots or a channel through which the string passes.
- Avellanet does not teach that the strands of wire or a wire by itself, would be inserted below an operating temperature and designed to enlarge based on body temperature
- Cope teaches that the operating temperature used in the basket is used above its transformation temperature. Therefore, Cope teaches that the basket is always in its original shape (Cope, col. 2, lines 61-65). Thus, Cope teaches away from the present invention.
- Possible other claims directed to the fact Applicant's invention is designed to be inserted at a temperature below the expansion range threshold (for smaller incision) and expands based on body temperature. The designed serration with the string in the channel allows a smaller removal item.